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Bible Conference Proves Great Blessing

Words would fail anyone attempting to enumerate or describe the blessings to the students, staff, and faculty, derived from the Tenth Annual Bible Conference. Convening from October 6 to 13, it afforded a rich feast of spiritual food, through the messages of Rev. George Schmeiser, Mrs. Tom Tarwater and other speakers.

For four days, in the University Chapel, Rev. Schmeiser brought messages on the Separated Life, his subjects being: "What Is the Separated Life?", "Why a Separated Life," "How Is Such a Life Possible?" and "The Importance of the Bible and Prayer to the Separated Life."

A joyous time was had at one of the evening services, when Rev. Schmeiser showed, from the first six verses of Matthew 1, the difference in the lives of the five women in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. At the close of the service, six young people consecrated their lives to full-time service for Jesus Christ.

Brother Schmeiser has meant much to the students of Bryan University. It is hoped that he will return soon.

It was the privilege of the student body during the week to hear Mrs. Tom Tarwater, a well-known and inspiring Bible teacher. She told her life story, showing the power of God to save the "up and outer," and gave a simple outline of the Bible which the Lord gave her to help in Bible study.

Her closing message sounded a prophetic note to the Conference, as she emphasized sixteen definite signs of the near return of our Lord. Her messages were delivered convincingly and clearly, bringing to many a definite blessing.

A high spot of the week's meetings was the annual visit of Rev. Henry Clay Geiger, a very good friend of the University and all the students, who spoke twice, once on "Grace vs. Law" and again on the first twelve verses of the sixth chapter of first Timothy.

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Prevailing Prayer

When the glory of the Father
Is the goal of every prayer:
When before the Throne in heaven
Our High Priest presents it there,
When the Spirit prompts the asking,
When the waiting heart believes:
Then we know of each petition
Everyone who asks receives.

—Selected

Talents Are Discovered

Always has Bryan University been blessed with young people who delight in the singing of praises to the Lord and the blending of voices into a musical testimony to Him. The present year offers wonderful opportunities for a continuance of this enjoyment and service. Talents among the new and returning students are numerous, especially in the field of music.

Already a number of good voices have been discovered, and it is rumored that others are in the process of showing themselves, so that it is expected work will soon be begun on the Gospel Quartets which are to travel during the coming summer. Doubtless the early commencing of choir practice will reveal hidden "treasures." Thus far the group has enjoyed solos by Mitchell West and Carl Zytowski, both tenor soloists, and a duet by the Morgan twins.

Nor is talent lacking among the instrumentalists, with the return of most of last year's Brass Ensemble and the coming of Robert McCormick with his violin, Milton Murphy with his clarinet, Royal Grote with his accordion, and others.

More than ever is the need felt for a really good piano for the chapel. To say nothing of the returning pianists, we are generously supplied with our twin duetists, Beatrice and Dorothy Morgan, and Anita Graham.

And doubtless there are others among the group whose talents have thus far remained undiscovered, but which we trust will not long remain so.

Nineteen States Represented at Bryan

(Setting a record never before reached, Bryan University has this year welcomed to its fellowship young men and women from nineteen states and the District of Columbia.

From sunny Florida to New Jersey and from one coast to the other the message has reached, telling of the opportunities for Christian education and fellowship in this institution.) It is expected that, as has been true in the past, more and more the ministry of the school will broaden out and reach into new fields of service.

Farthest from home among the student group is Nellie Stover, a resident of Wapato, Washington, others from the far west coming from Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, and other states listed below. From the middle south are representatives from Mississippi and Louisiana.

NEWSETTE finds true pleasure in welcoming into the Bryan fellowship the following students:

ALABAMA

Mildred Swatzell.

ARKANSAS

Leonard Winstead.

COLORADO

Cecil Hanson.

FLORIDA

Anita Graham, Carowin Hall, Ernestine Healan, Homer Wright.

ILLINOIS

Albert Schwenk.

INDIANA

Lowell Hoyt, Solon Hoyt.

IOWA

Orion Cook, Lillian Hvitved.

KANSAS

Ruhe Rudd.

LOUISIANA

Albert Aufdemorte, Albert Wyllie.

MICHIGAN

Robert St. John.

MISSISSIPPI

Joseph Sullivan.

MISSOURI

Robert McCormick, Theodore Melow, Carl Zytowski.

NEW JERSEY

Samuel Hemberger, Richard Mowrey.

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—God Above All—

Then and Now

Thinkers are continually marveling at the parallelism between the disintegration of the ancient Roman Empire and the events taking place in our day. Guglielmo Ferraro, the Italian scholar, wrote a book about it some years ago, "Ancient Rome and Modern America." Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," reads almost like a modern history. Gibbon said the Roman Empire collapsed for five reasons: "First, the rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society. Second, higher and higher taxes and the spending of money for bread and circuses. Third, the mad craze for pleasure, sport becoming every year more exciting and more brutal. Fourth, the building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy is within, in the decadence of the people. Fifth, the decay of religion, faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide it."

It is as inevitable as death that these same evils, unrestrained, will produce the same results now as then. . . . America, awake!

AN EXPLANATION

Due to the press of work incidental to the opening of school, this issue of NEWSETTE has been delayed far beyond the usual time of publication. We ask your indulgence. The next issue is to be published on November fifteenth.

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NINETEEN STATES

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OHIO

Clyde Brogan, Ruth Clement, Laura Belle Eastep, Royal Grote, Ruth Harn, Eileen Hartschuh, Lester Hartschuh, Margaret Hege, Margaret Ann McKinnon, Milton Murphey, Louise Post, Benjamin Stair, Leona Wilson.

PENNSYLVANIA

Neil Benfer, Dorothy Bennett, James Furman, Lola Goehring, John Harper, Richard Hill, Daniel Hirschy, Kathryn Hirschy, Lyle Holloper, Jesse Humbert, Robert Jones, Peggy Lynch, Mervin Mellinger, Calvin Miller, Beatrice Morgan, Dorothy Morgan, Jean Neff, Wilbert Rahiser, Charles Shirley, Virgil Sorge, Robert Thompson, Hazel Waller, Warren Wynkoop, James Doud, Edward Paul.

TENNESSEE

Beatrice Batson, Helen Harrison, Grace Levengood, Mark Levengood, Paul Levengood, Julius Reeves, Wayne Smith, William Toliver, Mitchell West.

VIRGINIA

Christine Gordon, Martha Mailander, Edwin Wade.

WEST VIRGINIA

Richard Langford, Gordon Matheny.

WASHINGTON

Nellie Stover.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Warren Oliff.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

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Another very profitable session was the message by a member of the regular faculty of the Bible department, Rev. A. J. Levengood, as he spoke on "Why a God of Love Permits the Horrors of War."

Other valuable and inspirational messages were brought by Dr. Harris H. Gregg, Rev. W. G. Foster, Dr. Homer H. Rhule, Rev. Roscoe C. Smith, and Rev. W. Hobart Childs. Space, unfortunately, prohibits full coverage of all speakers.

The closing service was held on the campus by the Professor of Bible at the University, Dr. Harris H. Gregg, as he gave Christ as illustrated or typified in each of the first eleven chapters of the Book of Hebrews and emphasized the saving and cleansing power of the Blood.

EDUCATION

"Man, you learn everything around this place, don't you? Washing your clothes, ironing, cooking—everything!"

Thus spoke one freshman to another in the hearing of the writer, the remark being brought forth when the speaker caught sight of the worker using the electric washing machine. And it is expressive of exactly what one does learn at Bryan University.

A visit to the dormitories would find men and women alike sweeping floors, dusting their furniture, hanging pictures, possibly even sewing window drapes or curtains. In the next room a young man chases the wrinkles down the back of a recently washed and starched shirt preparatory to dressing for supper. In yet another "home" button and garment, long since separated, are renewing an attachment which promises to be more lasting than the previous one, the masculine tendencies of the one who sews being to prevent further separation rather than to make the connection especially artistic.

Doubtless, visits to still other rooms would prove other young men to be heartily learning to live—getting a usable education, both from and apart from books.

Leaving the dormitory, we enter the kitchen to find young ladies engaged in making pies that literally melt in one's mouth and leave only a delicious memory of what used to be, or cake that is light and fluffy, to say nothing of being tasty and inviting. Be it soups, salads, main courses, or desserts—all come forth with a degree of perfection surprising to the most exacting of critics—that is, they usually do. And don't forget the men—equally efficient with the egg beater, frying pan, or condiments.

Sweeping, window washing, carpentering, plumbing, painting, printing, typing, milking, or digging ditches—all come into the daily dozen of the students at some time or other. Add to this the generous doses of class assignments and lectures and place it into a spiritual atmosphere which brings Christ into every task, and you have some conception of just what the young man meant when he said:

"Man, you learn everything around this place . . . !"

Bryan University

BOOKSTORE OPENED

Visitors entering the front entrance to the present administration building might be surprised to come face to face with the front of an indoor house, but that, in effect, is exactly what they will do. Just at the foot of the steps has been constructed the greatly needed bookstore.

Like a miniature house, some ten feet in height, the store opens out into the lower hall, affording opportunity for a novel and attractive display of goods. It is an improvement which has been needed for some time and which is welcomed by all in the University. The University Post Office, with individual lock boxes for students and staff-members, is housed in the same structure.

Graduate Returns to Mexico

After an absence from the University of several years, excepting for a brief summer stopover, Mr. William Wonderly, of the class of '36, and Mrs. William Wonderly, a graduate of Columbia Bible College, were recent guests at the University.

After his graduation from Bryan University, Mr. Wonderly entered Columbia Bible College, later attending the language school at Camp Wycliffe, Arkansas. During the past year he has been engaged in mission work in the southern part of Mexico, where the Lord has called him to the tremendous task of trans-

lating the Bible into the unwritten language of the Zoque Indians. Some twenty thousand in number, the tribe is one of many in Mexico whose language has never been written. To say that the task of making an alphabet, compiling a dictionary, and formulating the rules of grammar for such a language is tremendous is but to scratch the surface of the difficulty. Yet, where God has called, God will indeed provide and give wisdom and courage.

The prayers of all Christians are coveted for this young couple who are now returning to the field.

September Gift Receipts

618	\$ 7.99	676	1.00	734	1.00	792	1.00
619	1.00	677	2.00	735	5.00	79350
620	8.00	678	10.00	736	5.00	794	5.00
621	13.86	679	5.00	737	25.00	795	1.00
622	1.50	680	2.00	738	5.00	796	3.00
623	10.51	681	1.00	739	10.00	797	5.00
624	1.00	682	1.00	740	10.00	798	1.00
625	5.00	683	25.00	741	10.00	799	10.00
626	3.00	684	5.00	742	10.00	800	3.00
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635	2.00	693	2.00	751	10.00	809	10.00
636	2.00	694	1.00	752	1.00	810	10.00
637	5.00	695	1.00	753	1.00	811	5.00
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640	1.00	698	5.00	756	2.00	814	5.00
641	2.50	699	2.00	757	200.00	815	5.00
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648	5.00	706	5.00	764	2.50	822	15.00
649	1.00	70750	765	2.00	823	2.00
650	2.00	708	1.00	766	1.00	824	10.00
651	2.00	709	2.00	76725	825	10.00
652	1.00	710	1.00	768	2.00	826	50.00
653	5.00	711	5.00	769	1.00	827	12.00
654	1.00	712	2.00	770	6.00	828	5.00
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656	1.00	714	1.00	772	35.00	830	1.00
657	5.00	715	1.00	773	1.00	831	5.00
658	5.00	716	1.00	774	1.00	832	20.00
659	1.00	717	10.00	775	5.00	833	1.00
660	5.00	718	1.00	776	5.00	834	1.00
661	5.00	719	2.00	777	2.00	835	25.00
662	1.00	720	2.00	778	5.00	836	15.00
663	2.00	721	2.00	779	2.00	837	2.00
664	75.00	722	2.00	780	1.00	838	1.50
665	1.00	723	5.00	781	12.00	839	3.00
666	3.00	72455	782	1.00	840	5.00
667	2.00	725	1.00	783	10.00	841	5.00
668	5.00	726	2.00	784	1.00	842	2.50
669	5000.00	727	1.00	785	10.00	843	25.00
670	5.00	728	5.00	78635	844	5.00
671	20.00	729	1.00	787	1.00	845	1.00
672	2.00	730	1.00	788	1.00	846	10.00
673	2.00	731	5.00	789	1.00	847	2.00
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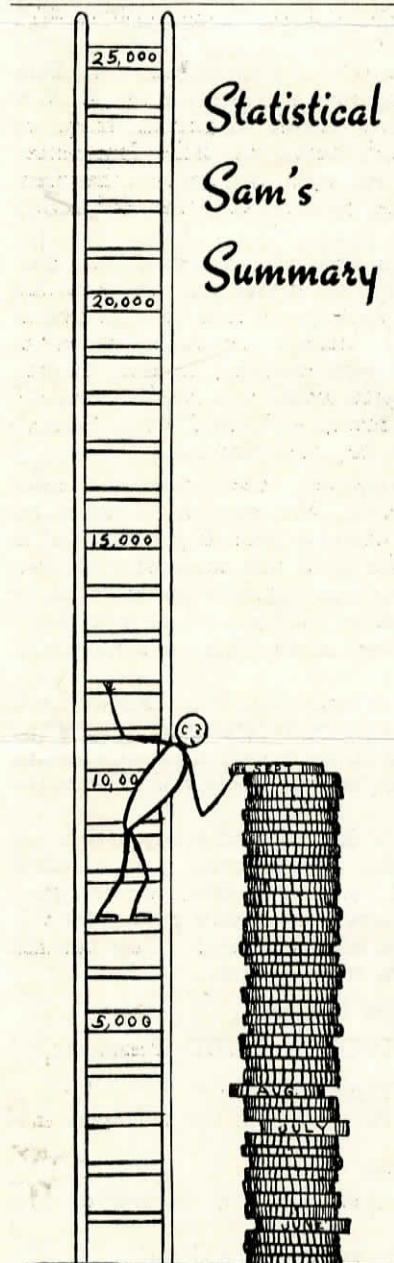
Gift Receipts, June 1 to August 31 . . . \$ 3,752.37

Gift Receipts, September 1 to September 30 . . . 6,675.61

Total Gift Receipts to September 30 . . . \$10,427.98

Whew! I've been climbing so fast that it has almost made me dizzy. Now I know that, if all my friends keep on helping, I'll be sitting on the top rung at the end of this year.

Sam



Freshman Day

Something new at Bryan University took place on September 24th. It was Freshman day, and the incoming students found themselves confronting a three-hour examination covering the fields of English, mathematics, science, social sciences, and others. In an effort better to serve these young people, these placement tests, given in previous years as a part of the Orientation course, are used to determine the ability and previous training of incoming students. Now a part of the Freshman Day program, the results have been most enlightening and promise to be helpful and beneficial.

In the afternoon of the same day the new students met with President Rudd, Dean Ryther, Professor Fish, and Professor Lynip for a brief discussion of school and dormitory life.

For the especial enlightenment of those who had not seen the University pictures when shown in the home church by the Gospel Singers, the twelve or thirteen hundred feet of film were shown that evening. Their story of the history and development of the University and the interesting side journey into the land of native flowers, shown in full color, proved to be informative and enjoyable. Following a short time of fellowship, refreshments concluded the day.

FRESHMAN HIKE

With great vitality and unusual show of energy some forty-seven hikers left Bryan Hill on a recent afternoon to visit the top of Lone Mountain, some three miles away. Need we say, that there seemed to be a lack of this same energy and enthusiasm on the return trip, when weary legs plodded through the dust, up the hill, and into the dormitories? And the following day was marked by a certain stiffness and soreness in muscles long since unused to scrambling over rocks, breaking through underbrush, and digging their way up the steep mountain side.

Now that the soreness and tiredness are gone, there remains only the memory of the wonderful view across the miles and miles of Tennessee Valley to the rugged heights of the Great Smokies some forty or more miles away. As a well-traveled visitor expressed it on one occasion: "I have seen many views in Europe which excelled in expanse and grandeur, but nothing more beautiful."

PRAYER LETTER

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.
—Psalm 33:1.

Dear Christian Friends:

How we praise God that we can make this letter so largely one of praise and thanksgiving. Truly, a Christian does not need to wait until Thanksgiving day to be thankful. How wonderful of God to give greater blessings to the thankful instead of giving simply in proportion to our sense of need!

By printing this letter instead of mimeographing it this month, we invite a larger number of our interested friends to rejoice with us. There is real blessing in thanking God for His mercies, so join us in thanking Him for blessings both spiritual and material. Above all, let us thank Him for Himself.

For months now we have been conscious of increasing spiritual blessings. We have seen God at work in the lives of many individual students and staff members. There have been gradual yet noticeable changes. There have been sudden and more spectacular climaxes to evidence God's working. Often we have seen God's chastening hand.

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Hebrews 12:11.

We have been patiently waiting for the time of rejoicing which the Bible Conference, just closed, brought. It is reported elsewhere in the NEWS-ETTE. Never have we had such an evident interest in spiritual things on the part of every student as was manifested during the Bible Conference. Naturally, we feel that the year is starting just right, that we have the finest student body ever, and that the Conference speakers were the Lord's own choosing.

Now we turn your attention to material blessings. We have been looking forward to greater material blessings, but in various ways the Lord has been saying, "Wait, My time is not yet." Even so, we have been assured of answered prayer for these greater material blessings. September proved to be the month when our patience and faith were rewarded, at least, in part. About sixteen hundred dollars in smaller gifts added to a five-thousand-dollar receipt from the estate of Freeland S. Brown, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, made September our best month in a long time, financially.

Needless to say, we hope that this gift proves, indeed, to be that much more income than we would otherwise receive. We go even further in expressing our hope that this will encourage others to make larger gifts and to remember the University in their wills. We know that some may give elsewhere now, thinking that by doing so they can supply a greater need, or invest the Lord's money to greater advantage. Let me assure you that a personal visit here would most likely convince anyone that far more can be invested wisely here.

We know many have been giving most sacrificially here, and we know many others, not able to give at all, have been most faithful in prayer. These are the ones that will rejoice most heartily in our greater material blessings. One loyal friend, when informed of the gift, wrote, "I only wish it were 100 times as much."

We have not hastily spent this gift but have diligently inquired of the Lord His will in the matter. Having settled on a tentative plan, including the purchase of equipment, buildings and payment of debts, we are going ahead seeking the Lord's mind step by step. We covet your prayers for wisdom and guidance in taking care of the most imperative needs. Pray that this larger gift will, indeed, be "in addition" to other income.

Thankfully your brother in Christ,

JUDSON A. RUDD, President.

Please remember the following before the Throne of Grace:

The work of the Christian Service Association in the mountains and nearby communities

The construction work being undertaken

The students who have recently accepted Christ as Saviour or have yielded their lives to Him

Dr. Gregg's ministry on his present trip to preach the Gospel.